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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 6675**  
Shirou SAWA : Attorney Docket No. 2003\_1023  
Serial No. 10/624,674 : Group Art Unit 1624  
Filed July 23, 2003 : Examiner Paul V. Ward  
  
METHOD FOR STABILIZING : **Mail Stop: Amendment**  
ARYLCARBOXYLIC ACID, STABILIZER  
THEREOF AND AQUEOUS SOLUTION  
CONTAINING STABILIZED ARYLCARBOXYLIC  
ACID

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**RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is responsive to the Official Action dated January 4, 2007.  
The Official Action constitutes a requirement for restriction.  
Applicants elect to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 24-27, wherein X is C.  
Applicants elect as a single compound within the elected group, ofloxacin.  
Claims 24-27 are readable on the elected species.  
Favorable action on the merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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